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Sir H. Knatchbull
Hugessen,
Brussels.

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September 19th

Weekly Suspect Shipping
Reports

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FROM BRUSSELS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir H. Knatchbull-Hugessen

No. 350

D. 3.35 p.m. 19th September 1947.

19th September 1947. R. 5.00 p.m. 19th September 1947.

Repeated to Jerusalem

TTTTT

My telegram No. 345.

E/G
K8510/48/C

Weekly Report.

Pan York not yet arrived in Antwerp is reported to be at present in Rouen.

Please repeat to Jerusalem as my telegram No. 20.

[Copy sent to M.E. Secretariat].

[Copies sent to Telegraph Section Colonial Office for repetition to Jerusalem].

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Mr. Holman,
Bucharest.

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September 21st.

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Illegal Immigration

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FROM BUCHAREST TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Holman D. 7.20 a.m. 22nd September, 1947
No. 1000
21st September, 1947. R. 9.20 a.m. 22nd September, 1947

Repeated to Sofia
Angora
Jerusalem
Moscow

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IMMEDIATE

SECRET

My telegram No. 973. *ES(33/48/C)*

Jewish Illegal Immigration.

A member of the staff saw two train loads of Jews estimated at over 2,000, mostly young persons, leave a station near Bucharest this afternoon. He was later informed by a reliable source that their destination was Balcic via Guhigiu [sic].

2. I shall pass you urgently any further information which I obtain but meanwhile Sofia may be able to confirm the arrival of these immigrants at Balcic and [gp. undec ? confer] with Bulgarian authorities.

Foreign Office pass to Angora and Jerusalem as my telegrams Nos. 23 and 44 respectively.

[Repeated to Angora and copies sent to Colonial Office for Jerusalem].

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Registry Number } E8771/48/31.
 FROM }
 No. } 40.
 Dated } Minute
 Received in Registry } M Beech.
 } 12 Sept
 } 23 ~

Jewish Exodus from Eastern Europe.
 Enclosed cutting from "The Times" of Sept 12.
 entitled "Jews leaving Romania" & an
 example of report received of a general
 Exodus from Eastern Europe, of Jews
 whose one aim is to reach Palestine

Last Paper

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(Minutes.)

J.B.
 (T.E. CABLE)
 23/9

References

UN (E) Dept.

J.B. Sept. 24

I have prepared a draft memorandum on this question for
 Mr Beeley which is being sent to Eastern Dept.

C.W. Hutchinson 26/9

J.B. Sept. 27

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Minutes.

JEW'S LEAVING RUMANIA

12,000 REACH VIENNA
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT
VIENNA, SEPT. 11

From 50 to 100 fugitive Jews on trek from the Balkans are arriving at the Rothschild Hospital in Vienna daily. About 12,000 have come in the last few weeks, nearly all from Rumania.

It is the Polish exodus of last year repeated. Wild-eyed, full of hatred, idealism, or merely suffering, they are the remnants of families massacred by the Germans. The American Joint Distribution Committee deals with them, and they are waiting for transport to the American zone. Thence they expect to go through France, or Italy, to Palestine.

They say that the Rumanian people, especially in the former Saxon settlements, are still anti-Semitic, although the Government is not and tries in vain to stop the feeling. In one village a notice was secretly posted saying: "Don't let the Jews go. We'll deal with them ourselves." Such stories in minds warped by the miseries of their race may have induced an exaggerated terror, but they feel that they must get out of Europe. They speak with fire of Palestine as a place which they will reach "somehow." Some come from parts of former Rumania which are now Russian. They were given the choice, as Rumanian citizens, to go or stay. They say the Soviet Government punished anti-Semitism very heavily but that it has not totally disappeared among the Ukrainians, and the Nazi occupation sowed the poison afresh. Jews returning from concentration camps filled with a passion for Zionism people who had scarcely heard of it before.

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Extract The Times, Sept 12th

The attached cutting is not particularly notable but it is an example of the reports which we have been constantly receiving about the Jewish exodus from Eastern Europe. This exodus is generally recognised to be a new factor in the Palestine situation and it is a problem which did not exist for us two years ago. It has greatly increased our difficulties in administering the Mandate. There are no signs that it is on the wane.

It has occurred to me that the counter propaganda which we employ against the illegal immigrant traffic may mislead those who are not fully conversant with the problem into a misapprehension of its real sources. We are apt to state that the traffic is organised for political reasons in order to force the hand of the Mandatory in Palestine. This is true but it is only half the truth. The raw material which is being thus politically exploited consists of many thousands of Jews, both refugees and undisplaced inhabitants of Eastern Europe, who would be seeking to enter Palestine even if the A. J. D. C. and the various American Zionist Leagues had never been heard of. The fear of persecution in Europe, joined to a great upsurge of nationalism, ~~and~~ results in a single-minded desire to go to Palestine to the exclusion of all other destinations, amongst ninety per cent of the European Jews. Very few appear to be interested in making a new life in North or South America.

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Minutes.

The new problem of illegal immigrants has considerably affected the departmental machinery in Whitehall. Of the three people in Eastern Department working on Palestine, two are principally concerned with illegal immigration. Six months ago the Prime Minister authorised the setting up of a ministerial committee and an official committee on illegal immigration. One of the secretaries of this committee is a Cabinet Office man and the circulation of documents is done by the Cabinet Offices. We can justifiably claim that the official committee has been successful in co-ordinating the many complicated measures taken against illegal immigration. We have struck considerable blows against the men responsible for organising shipping for the traffic and the average monthly numbers of illegal immigrants intercepted off Palestine have been kept at a lower figure than we could have hoped for six months ago, i.e. well below three thousand a month. Nevertheless the strongest measure we have taken, that of refoulement, has involved us in a serious dispute with the French and has now brought us considerable odium in connection with the dispatch of the illegal immigrants to the British Zone of Germany.

I have written this minute because, for the very reason that the official machinery for combating illegal immigration is working smoothly, the amount of energy and expense which our measures cost us may be overlooked. To take one small example, the Royal Navy may have to have an extra allocation of fuel for the ships engaged in shadowing illegal immigrant ships, at this moment of grave fuel shortage. Nor can we look forward to any dwindling of the "Drang nach Palästinen" in the foreseeable future. We appear to be saddled with a minor undeclared war against the Jews for as long as we retain Palestine Mandate. When we say that the Zionists are responsible for whipping up the traffic for political ends we should remember that they themselves admit that they would be faced by a problem of the same proportions if they had to administer immigration into a Jewish State of Palestine.

we ought, I think, to bear these considerations in mind at late success.

J. G. S. Beith

J. G. S. Beith.

12th September 1947

Mr Bealey

I agree. This reinforces the case for the U.K. Delegation supporting the unanimous recommendation of the U.N. Committee for ^{effective} international action on

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the D.P. problem.

H. Bealey 12/9

Mr Bealey is in contact with UN (Sec Sec) Dept about the preparation of a brief on the D.P. situation for the U.N. Assembly.

Mr Beith's minute makes the point that it is not Zionist propaganda alone that has created the "Drang nach Palestine." ~~It~~ The fundamental causes are fear of persecution and rampant Jewish nationalism. But Zionist propaganda has encouraged and whipped up the desire to go to Palestine, and Zionist organisations are organising the traffic.

An important consideration which, I think, should be emphasised if possible in the Assembly is that the ~~of~~ bulk of these D.P.

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D.P. Jews are not now fugitives
from Germany but fugitives from
anti-Semitism in Eastern European
countries in the Russian orbit.

P. Gannon
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Registry Number } E8772/48/31
FROM } 70 Minute
No. } M. Beith
Dated } 17 Sept.
Received in Registry } 23 Sept.

'President Warfield', Swedish Press.
Repro Stockholm tel 627 of Sept. 11
which reported unfavorably and tendentious
attitude of Swedish Press re President Warfield
affair. Suggest for O. Harvey take this
matter up with Swedish Minister.

Last Paper

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(Minutes.)

attach tel. sent to Stockholm
and re-submit
23/9

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Telegram now inserted within
thesis.
26/9/47.

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Eastern Division.

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Sgt. M. Erik Rokeman
Swedish Legation
from Sir O. Harvey
Sept 19.

In P.P. 70 Minute, w/ headletter 19/9
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Stockholm telegram No. 627 of September 11th. reporting the unfriendly and tendentious attitude of the Swedish Press regarding the return of the "President Warfield" Jewish illegal immigrants to the British zone of Germany.

This telegram has been entered for the German Refugee Department and I accordingly attach a copy. The Northern Department have suggested that it would be well to take this matter up with the Swedish Minister when he calls to see Sir Oliver Harvey tomorrow at 12. noon. It would indeed seem that we should not let this opportunity pass to express our dissatisfaction at the way in which some organs of the Swedish press have deliberately distorted the facts.

I attach a note giving the background of this case which Sir Oliver Harvey may care to hand to the Swedish Minister. At the same time he might point out orally:-

- a) Paragraph 1 of Stockholm telegram No. 627. Colonel Gregson, the officer commanding the escorts on the three British transports carrying the Jews, has personally reported in London that his soldiers had orders to avoid use of force, if at all possible, when they entered the hold of the "Runnymede Park". The soldiers waited at the entrance in an endeavour to persuade the passengers to leave, but after a few seconds were pelted with missiles of every kind and then attacked hand to hand. It is remarkable in the circumstances that they were able to carry out their task with so few and so light casualties to the Jews.
- b) Paragraph 4 of Stockholm telegram No. 627. Stockholm's Tidningen has apparently indulged in a deliberate attempt to mislead the public which is particularly disgusting.
- c) Paragraph 5 of Stockholm telegram No. 627. The illegal immigrants are now housed at two camps in Schleswig-Holstein named Pöppendorf and Am Stau and not at Belsen. These wild statements about Belsen are typical of the way in which Jewish propaganda has used the whole incident to attempt to discredit H.M.G.

J. S. Bent

[BEITH]

17th September, 1947.

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Please see passage marked
in red on attached Press
Summary from Stockholm.

This strikes me as going
really too far. I would be
interested to know what, if any,
guidance on this subject has
been sent to posts.

The paper quoted was one
of the most strongly anti-Nazi
during the war and I regard it
as most unfortunate if our
former friends are allowed to
continue in such mis-informed
beliefs.

for red letter
19/9

Mr Woolsey
Northern Dept. ✓

*I think we have
now raised this with the
Swedish Amb.*

Mr Beitz (Eastern Dept.)
Yes, I telegraphed to Stockholm
JB Sept. 25

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The resolution is, of course, ridiculous, and ignores the facts that (a) the Jews were attempting to evade the immigration laws and enter Palestine clandestinely (b) the Swedes might well ask themselves what their attitude would have been if an international organization attempted to plant refugees on Sweden in this manner (c) the refugees were transferred by us from one small and very unsafe vessel to three larger and quite safe ships (d) they were more than free to disembark at Amscitte; we very much wanted them to do so, and (e) they were given every chance to disembark peacefully at Hamburg, and that those who wanted a row got it - and deserved it.

One hopes that the Labour Attaché has contacted the Executive Com of the S.T.U.F and communicated our point of view to whatever contacts he had with members of the Com. But, presumably the I.O. has been in touch with "Arbetaren", and he might be asked what success he had in correcting some of his unwarrantable expressions of view.

SAs.

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ATOMIC RESEARCH

The projected company, "Atomic Energy Ltd.", may be floated in the near future. Provincial Governor Malte Jacobsson, chairman of the Atomic Committee, discussed the matter yesterday with members of the Government. Subsequently he expressed the hope that it would be possible to reach certain decisions regarding the foundation of the new company at next Friday's Cabinet Meeting.

According to a Malmö report Professor Bohr, the Danish expert on nuclear fission, has suggested that experiments are proceeding in Sweden with a view to producing atomic bombs.

While M. Albert Björkeson, director of the State Research Laboratories, flatly refuses to comment on Professor Bohr's statement, Prime Minister Erlander categorically denies that any such experiments have been initiated in Sweden. The present research work, he adds, has no bearing on the production of atomic bombs.

SHIPPING DEAL

At yesterday's Cabinet Meeting the Svea Steamship Company was authorized to acquire from Britain the 1,200 ton steamer "Kare", which was seized by the Germans during the war.

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SECTION II

PRESS COMMENT

"EXPORT OR STARVE"

STOCKHOLMS-TIDNINGEN (Liberal) (September 13th) refers to Sir Stafford Cripps' declaration in which he announced the main lines for Britain's coming export campaign. The British are gritting their teeth and continuing along that difficult road which they hope will lead them out of the crisis. This, at least, is what the British Government believe - and presumably it is justified in doing so... The British people's standard-of-living must be reduced to a level the like of which few people now living have experienced either in peacetime or during two World Wars. It seems inevitable, however, and will certainly be accepted without any major fuss by the British people, no matter how burdensome it must seem after the strain of war and the general hope of better times after the victory. But the question is whether it will be possible to carry through, parallel with this reduction in the standard-of-living, the seemingly fantastic programme for increasing the volume and value of exports. Although it is naturally impossible to analyse this programme in detail on the basis of the reported version of Sir Stafford's speech, one inevitably wonders how it will be possible to realize in a country with a war-weary population, with worn-out and partly obsolete industrial equipment, and with private enterprise burdened by a feeling of insecurity arising from the Labour Government's socialization policy. Judging by Sir Stafford Cripps' speech, moreover, the Government intend to employ compulsory measures to ensure the success of their plan.

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19th September, 1947.

When we discussed on 18th September the misleading and unsatisfactory reports published by certain organs of the Swedish press regarding the disembarkation of Jewish illegal immigrants in the British Zone of Germany, you asked me to furnish you with a copy of our Minister's report.

In accordance with your request, I now enclose a copy of Sir B. Jerram's telegram.

(Signed) O. HARVEY.

His Excellency

Monsieur Erik Boheman,
Swedish Legation.

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FROM SOFIA TO BUCHAREST

Mr. Stenmdale Bennett.
No. 118.

D. 4.30. p.m. 22nd September
1947.

22nd September 1947.

R. 7.05. p.m. 22nd September
1947.

Repeated to Angora,
Jerusalem,
Moscow,
Foreign Office. No. 1204.

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Your telegram No. 1000 to Foreign Office.

Jewish illegal immigrants.

Bulgarian authorities have so far been unable to give me any definite information. They promise to let me know tomorrow morning whether these immigrants have entered Bulgaria.

Foreign Office please pass to Jerusalem as my telegram No. 22.

[Copy sent to Middle East Secretariat.]

[Copies sent to Telegraph Section Colonial Office for repetition to Jerusalem.]

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S.S. Northlands.

Angora

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 FROM W.R. Williams
 No. Frankfurt
 Dated 305
 Received in Registry 16 Sept 24 -

Jewish Activities in Germany.
 Refers Frankfurt despatch 244 (E 7501/48/31)
 Reports that from Sept. 3 to 13, American
 Military Police, maintained permanent guard
 at consulate and at private residences, as
 a precautionary measure in view of threats of
 violence towards British Post and property
 in the U.S. Zone. Amoytel article from
 US Press.

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Despatch no. 306 refers to German
 press reactions to the disembarkation of
 the President Winfield's jets at Hamburg
 and is being circulated separately.

Copy to M.I. 5 (Mr. Scherr)

German (Pol.) Dept. ✓ CAI 29.9 ✓ CAI 7.10
 N.A. Dept. ✓
 Security Dept.

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I should like to be kept informed to Sept. 26
 of this sort of thing and wd. be grateful
 if papers such as E 7501 are passed
 on to me in good time

G.A.O. 6/10

Mr. Butler out. 10

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SECRET

No. 305

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British Consulate General,
Frankfurt-am-Main.

16th September, 1947.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch No. 244 of August 11th, and my covering despatch No. 306, of 16th September forwarding copy of despatch No. 124 to Political Division, Berlin, on the subject of the disembarkation of the Exodus 1947 Jews at Hamburg, I have the honour to inform you that from September 3rd to September 13th the American Military Police maintained a permanent guard in appreciable force at this Consulate, as well as at my private residence situated some 12 miles outside Frankfurt, as a precautionary measure in view of threats of violence towards British personnel and property in the U.S. Zone.

2. I have conveyed my appreciative thanks to Colonel Wood, Provost Marshal of U.S. Military Police Corps here, for his elaborate measures arranged for our safety.

3. I also enclose herewith copy of an article published in the "New York Herald Tribune" in its issue of September 14th, disclosing the nature of the threatened violence and the alleged reason why it did not materialise.

4. Copies of this despatch and its enclosure have been forwarded to Mr. Steel, Political Division, Berlin, for information.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient, humble Servant,

H. M. Williams
for H. M. Consul General.

H. M. Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,
Foreign Office,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

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No.

Colonial office

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Activities of SHMUEL IZBITSKY.

Transmits copy of despatch from H/C Palestine no 58 of Aug 26 re Mr Shmuel Izbitzky who entered Palestine illegally aboard SS 'Trade Winds', he was deported to America. As he shot consular and passport control officers he requested to impound his documents which are in packet presented.

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Eastern Depts would be grateful for the observations of Consular Dept. etc 30/9 P.C.D. Passport Office notes 10/10/47

J. Able (T.E.CABLE) 25/9

I would suggest that this paper be transferred to D.D. We can then send out the necessary warning circular

P. Lee

31/07-7

I agree

J. Able (T.E.CABLE) 16/10

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H.M. Principal Secretary of
State for Foreign Affairs.

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With the compliments of

H. M. Consul General.

Transmitting Copy Despatch No.
124, dated 16th September 1947, to
Political Division, Berlin,
regarding Jewish Refugees.

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16th September, 1947.

British Consulate General,
47, Zeppelin Allee,
Frankfurt am Main.

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British Consulate General,
Frankfurt-am-Main.

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No. 124

16th September, 1947.

Sir,

With reference to my covering despatch No. 125 of 16th September, forwarding copy of my Foreign Office despatch No. 305 of 16th September, I have the honour to inform you that the incident of the recent disembarkation of Exodus 1947 Jews has been given fairly extensive publicity in the German press in the U.S. Zone. Under such headlines as "Disembarkation by Force in Hamburg", "Hamburg Tragedy Ends", "Force Used in Disembarking Jews", "24 Jewish Exodus Refugees Injured - Protest Against British Measures", etc., the German papers here, either quoting the reports of their own correspondents, or from the German News Agency (Dena) have published articles in a tenor more or less in line with reports published in the American Army newspaper "Stars & Stripes" which, far from complimentary, gave lurid accounts of the Jews' forced removal from the ships by British soldiers.

2. In a special black-type inset in one of the back page columns of its issue of September 9th, the "Stars & Stripes" reported that Will Rogers, jr., son of the late humorist-actor, and a former Congressman from California, who had witnessed the disembarkation that day at Hamburg, had said, "If I were still in the House, it would hear a lot about this. I wish Ernest Bevin were here to see the brutality". Apparently Rogers was in Hamburg covering the event as a correspondent for the "Beverly Hills Citizen", a newspaper of which he is said to be the publisher. Copy of an article published in the "Stars & Stripes" of 13th September, is typical of the trend this paper itself has adopted throughout the affair, and is enclosed herewith.

3. In a lengthy front-page article from its own correspondent, the "Rhein-Neckar Zeitung" reported in its issue of September 11th that there had been a letter from the "Central Committee of the Liberated Jews in the British Zone protesting against the brutality and the inhumanity of the heroes of Dunkirk and the victors of El Alamein towards unarmed old men and women and children". The paper also quoted an appeal by the "Wiesbaden Kurier" to the German authorities in the U.S. Zone to express their willingness to provide the latest victims of racial persecution madness with a home. However, the paper continued, General Clay during the course of his monthly address before the Council of Minister Presidents in Stuttgart on September 10th, had stated that the Exodus Jews would not receive permission to settle in the U.S. Zone.

4. Copies of this despatch have been sent to H.M. Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the Research Department of the Foreign Office, and to Secretariat, Zonal Executive Offices, Lubbecke.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
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W. R. Williams

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of the reasons which led H.M.G. to decide against sending these people to Cyprus, but it does place the blame for the whole incident where it belongs and it does, in its last paragraph, make some pertinent observations about the position of the United States.

4. A number of statements have been made by Jewish organizations and by private individuals, one of which, by former Governor Herbert Lehman, is enclosed as a typical example. A number of demonstrations have also been staged throughout the country. Young people from Brith Trumpeldor of America invaded the British Supply Office in New York on September 10th. Various consulates have been picketed or plastered with stickers, and a few have received bomb threats. In this Embassy a considerable amount of hostile correspondence and some telephone calls have been received. Many of the letters express the intention of the writers to do all they can to prevent further aid to Britain and to boycott British goods.

5. It is undoubtedly true that the repercussions of this incident have been wider than those caused by any event on the Zionist front during the past year. The British decision has been criticised in some circles which are not normally greatly concerned with British policy in Palestine. The reasons for this are the evil connotation of Germany where the Jews are concerned, and the feeling that whatever the technical rights of the matter may have been, it was a mistake to take this step at a moment when the United Nations are about to consider the whole question. A number of letters, indeed, do take account of the difficulty of admitting these people to Palestine, but ask why they could not at this time have been sent to Cyprus. The fact that they were free to land in France has been reported, but it is generally held that this was too much to ask of them.

6. We enclose copies of an advertisement by the American Zionist Emergency Council which appeared in

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various newspapers, and of another by the American League for a Free Palestine, which also attacks the report of the United Nations Special Committee.

7. We are sending a copy of this letter to Jerusalem.

Yours ever,

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LEHMAN ASSAILS BRITISH AS 'BRUTAL'

**Calls Exodus Case a Betrayal
'Not Only of Jews but of
Humanity Itself'**

Former Governor Herbert H. Lehman joined yesterday in the protests against the treatment accorded the passengers of the Exodus 1947 and their forcible return to Hamburg, Germany.

"The outrage at Hamburg is a terrible blot on the history of a great country and has shocked the conscience of the world," Mr. Lehman said. "It is a brutal and cruel culmination of a series of illegal and inhuman acts. It violates all the principles of justice; it is a betrayal not only of Jews but of humanity itself."

"These unhappy refugees, part of the pitifully small remnant of the people who were the greatest sufferers from Hitler's bestiality, have been dragged by brute force back to Germany which holds for them memories of terror, indescribable suffering and death. To the everlasting shame of the British Government these people have been treated like criminals or cattle."

"All my life I have admired the British and have deeply appreciated their heroic defense of the principles of democracy, freedom and justice."

Sees All Humans Offended

"It is therefore a great grief to me now to have to condemn bitterly the cruel action taken by the British Government against a people already tragically shattered and scarred—an act which surely must offend the sensibilities and the very soul of every human being, regardless of race or creed."

"This latest assault on humanity brings back vividly recollections of the very kind of bestiality we had hoped was destroyed by ourselves, Great Britain and our allies who fought to restore decency to a sick and torn world."

The Mizrahi Organization of America, religious Zionist group, denounced the British Government for landing the Jewish refugees of the Exodus 1947 on German soil as "a venial atavistic act which evokes only revulsion and disgust in every human heart."

In its annual Rosh ha-Shanah message to American Jews, the Mizrahi Organization added that this "tragic episode of inhumanity will mar the spirit of hopefulness which ordinarily characterizes the Jewish New Year." The message added that "not even this latest installment of British barbarity which civilized mankind lets go unchecked—without even the meagerest protest—will quash or avert Israel's hopes for redemption during the coming New Year."

Favors Appeal of Representatives

The message urged "American Jewry, especially our religious-Zionist members, to implement their prayers with deed by writing their representatives of the United States Government that if the State Department acts in accordance with United States commitments on Palestine and takes the initiative in championing the Jewish cause, only then will the United Nations become an instrument of decision and justice, and only then will the age-long plague of tragic Jewish homelessness be wiped out."

Meanwhile, the Committee on international law and relations of the National Lawyers Guild, in a letter to President Truman, asserted that the "current reports of the brutality employed by the British Government in forcibly disembarking the Exodus refugees shocked the conscience of civilized humanity."

Tonight representatives of 500 Bronx Jewish organizations are expected to attend a "Palestine Mobilization Conference" sponsored by the Bronx Zionist Emergency Council at the Concourse Plaza Hotel. The purpose is to plan a borough-wide campaign "of political action and public enlightenment" to be held on Sunday, Sept. 21, which has been designated by the Emergency Council as "Palestine Mobilization Day."

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HITLER'S TRIUMPH

FORTY-FOUR HUNDRED HUMAN BEINGS are being "persuaded" onto the shores of Germany. They are people who know what it is to endure humiliation, having survived the Nazi murder factories. But this latest degradation is unmatched, for it is inflicted by the democratic world—the same democratic world which fought the greatest of wars to end the oppression of the weak by the strong.

However, all this seems to be beside the point in our enlightened age. These people happen to be Jews who have demonstrated their people's refusal to perish, who have sought a new life in their own homeland — and for Jews that is a crime. In the era of Ernest Bevin it is still a crime for a Jew to live as other men. If he takes steps to achieve freedom for himself and his brother he must be punished. For that the world's oldest Parliament is convened and shocked statesmen express righteous indignation at attempts to save Jewish lives and Jewish spirits — which are, of course, "illegal." Mighty battleships — guardians of the freedom of the democratic seas — go into action. Then the troops and guns and clubs and truncheons.

And on the dockside at Hamburg the ghosts of Hitler, Streicher and Himmler cackle a chorus of Hosannas for the great Empire which is putting these Jews in their place.

But let us not paint a one-sided picture. We are, after all, talking about Englishmen — *fair play* and *cricket*, don't you know. Is it not a well-known fact (driven home by scores of films) that Englishmen are the best-mannered, softest-spoken, kindest people on earth? To illustrate this point, we give you Exhibit A — the British official in Hamburg, quoted by the *Associated Press* on August 28th, who said that "three degrees of compulsion were available if the Jews refused to leave their ships on arrival (in Hamburg).

"1. Manhandling. 2. Ship's hosepipes. 3. Tear gas."

No lethal weapons, mind you. Everything done in accordance with the highest British standards of humanitarianism. We can already hear some Labor peer in the House of Lords paying tribute to the brave British soldiers and sailors who execute this operation — to their "remarkable patience, forbearance and humanity" in dealing with these "illegal" Jews.

Such is Bevin's Britain today. A Government which rode to power on pledges of the fuller and better life for all, now

defiles the very principles which it mouthed to win the support of the voters. It has debased, not only its own party, but the entire people which it rules — for the anti-Semitism which is an inevitable outgrowth of the Bevin policy on Palestine is already gaining a strong foothold in Britain, as witness the recent anti-Jewish riots throughout England.

The callousness of the British Government's behavior towards the EXODUS 1947 refugees, the total disregard of human conscience — as voiced by countless Americans and as expressed by the fine attitude of the French Government — are almost unprecedented. For a parallel one must recall the cynical unconcern of the Nazis when world opinion denounced the subjugation and enslavement of smaller, "inferior" peoples.

The most shocking aspect of this latest British operation is the fact that it is being carried out within a week of the publication of the report of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine, which recommended the immediate admission into Palestine of 150,000 Jewish refugees and called for the speedy termination of the present British Mandate over the Holy Land. By behaving as if it were oblivious to the fact that the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine — which, incidentally, was formed at Britain's request — has already published its findings, the British Government undermines the authority and influence of the United Nations. The EXODUS operation is therefore, in a very real sense, a blow, not only against helpless refugees, but also against the international structure upon which we hope to build world peace.

Meanwhile the struggle goes on. The heroic 4400 do not stand alone, but are backed by the unquenchable determination of the Jewish people everywhere in the world to achieve justice. They have the support of millions of Christians, especially in the United States, who take their religion seriously and who understand that there can be no real peace unless justice prevails also for the unfortunate and down-trodden of the earth.

People of the EXODUS! You who set foot on the soil of your homeland for a fleeting moment — you will return, singing and triumphant, the vanguard of the many thousands who will follow to build and be rebuilt in the Jewish State.

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Drug Sent by PM Helps Prague Boy Rally

By United Press

PRAGUE
Red-haired little Paul Herman smiled wanly at his parents Friday for the first time in a week after a "wonder drug" rushed from New York by the Newspaper PM gave hope of saving him from a near-fatal attack of spinal meningitis and suspected tuberculosis.

Thursday night the eight-year-old Czech boy received the first injection of streptomycin from New York's Sydenham Hospital which had been flown here in a transatlantic race to keep him alive.

Boy Couldn't Have Lived Without Streptomycin

Friday morning color had returned to his cheeks. He looked up and smiled at his parents, blonde, buxom Bohumila and wiry, darkhaired Beda Herman. They smiled back and sat down

How to Help

Some of PM's readers are contributing to a fund to pay for the streptomycin furnished by Sydenham Hospital for Paul Herman, the little boy in Prague, Czechoslovakia, suffering from meningitis, and to help out in the work of the hospital in the interracial field at home. Contributions may be sent either to the Sydenham Hospital Fund, care of PM, 164 Duane St., N. Y. C., or direct to the hospital at 545 Manhattan Ave., N. Y. C.

Sick Boy's Father Cables Thanks for Wonder Drug Mackay Radio

NEWSPAPER PM, 164 DUANE ST., N. Y. C.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING AND RAPID DELIVERY OF DRUG WHICH ARRIVED ON TIME FOR MY SON PAUL WHO IS SERIOUSLY ILL. I TRUST THE BOY WILL BE SAVED AS DOCTORS SAY. I AM THANKFUL TO MY FRIEND PAUL MAHRER, SYDENHAM HOSPITAL AND ALL OTHERS WHO SECURED HELP WITH SUCH SPEED.

BEDA HERMAN, No. 20 TRUHLARSKA, PRAGUE.

(The above is a translation from Czech)

to compose letters and telegrams of gratitude.

Without streptomycin, the child could not have lived. Motol Hospital, Prague, was without streptomycin.

Herman, a shopkeeper, remembered a fellow-survivor of Nazi ghetto terror. He cabled his friend Paul Mahrer in New York, Mahrer appealed to the Newspaper PM.

The newspaper got 30 grams of streptomycin from Sydenham Hospital and placed it aboard a Brussels-bound Pan American World Airways Constellation Wednesday evening.

Plane Waits Five Hours

In Brussels another Pan American airliner, the two-engined DC-3, "Live Yankee," waited five hours

past its take-off time and then detoured from Vienna to Prague to deliver the small, square package to Paul's father.

Dr. Jan Kuchar, acting chief of Motol Hospital, said the shipment arrived "just in time." Penicillin did not bring Paul around and the hospital's supply of streptomycin had been exhausted. Kuchar expected Paul to live.

The Hermans sent a telegram to PM expressing their thanks for the "life-or-death" shipment.

Airline Schedules Disrupted

Pan American's manifest valued the shipment at \$120. Shipping costs ran a little over \$5.

Paul's parents also thanked the airline, which threw its schedules

out of whack for two days. Ten passengers, bound for Vienna, spent Thursday night in Prague.

"But they really didn't mind," said Pilot James R. Stilman of Otumwa, Ia. "They knew why it was."

By Associated Press

PRAGUE

Little Paul Herman received on Friday his second injection of streptomycin flown from the United States and may not need any more, his physician said.

The doctor said the child's meningitis may stem from a tuberculosis base and the two injections of streptomycin he has received may be enough to start him on the road to recovery without further use of the remedy.

In that case, the doctor said, the medicine would be held available for other emergency cases in the country.

Thirty grams of the medicine from New York's Sydenham Hospital were flown to Prague by the New York Newspaper PM after the boy's father, Beda Herman, a textile company owner, appealed to friends in the United States to help. Only eight grams of the remedy could be found in all Czechoslovakia.

The boy, ill since Aug. 31, received his first injection from the local supply Thursday, and the American shipment arrived late Thursday night.

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WELL DONE, BRITAIN!

British troops swinging truncheons against Exodus prisoners have smashed the illusions surrounding the United Nations Palestine report. The jazz music played on the Hamburg dock to drown out the screams of Hebrew men and women can't conceal the fact that Britain is spilling blood before the ink on the report is dry. British brutality has jarred the world back to its senses and ended the idiotic delight with which many accepted the United Nations report as the coming of the Messiah. . . .

If the British had restrained their sadistic impulses over the Exodus refugees, the current United Nations report on Palestine would have been good for twelve months' dilly-dallying, before the appointment of a new Committee of Inquiry. Luckily, Britain's itch for Hitler's sport was exhibited early as a forecast for the future.

Yesterday, British newspapers called their government to account for the Exodus affair; not from a sense of outrage or sympathy, but merely out of disgust over the government's "monstrous blundering." They are furious because the scheme for delay behind the United Nations report has been exposed by the Labor Government's stupidity.

In this respect, the 4,400 heroic Hebrews who gallantly chose to suffer for a principle, have won a great victory. Their sufferings and their battle brought immediate results by galvanizing public opinion and unmasking Britain's ultimate answer to the report of the United Nations Commission.

THE 27th REPORT ON PALESTINE

And take a look at that report. It is the perfect device for playing politics with human lives.

The report offers the Hebrew people a ghetto, not a state. It recommends for the Hebrews a "state" of less than 5,000 square miles, of which all but 1,200 are the sandy Negev desert. What remains is an area smaller than Rhode Island on which to resettle the millions of desperate Hebrews still in the concentration camps, in anti-Semitic Eastern Europe, and in Moslem ghettos. At its widest point, this state will be nearly 20 miles — a full 20 minutes by motor car!

The flimsy excuse that here is an immediate solution is nullified by the fact that Britain will use the report for further stalling and delay. While delay continues, new gallows are erected in Palestine, and thousands of Hebrew survivors are forcibly sent back to Germany from their Promised Land. Hundreds of thousands are condemned to a third "liberated" winter in the land of the crematorium.

FOR PAY OFF — THE JOKER

The Report is sugared with bribes; eventual repatriation of 150,000 is held out; "quick" independence; self-governing institutions; democracy; minority rights, are part of the plan. But, there is the usual joker in this New Deal for Palestine. *The British will remain, to administer "the transition."*

We are expected to believe that the same Englishmen who flog, loot and lynch in Palestine today will become the patient, law-abiding helpers in setting up a peaceful independent state. Are men who murder the Mandate to become the devoted trustees of the United Nations plan?

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When all the talk is over there will be no United Nations plan for Palestine that is any different than the present British arrangement of White Papers and black deeds.

BRITAIN IN RETREAT

But, Britain is on the spot. She hates having her record in Palestine aired before mankind. It is being aired for the United Nations in the daily press, and this was made possible because of the militant Resistance in Palestine and the outraged conscience of free men everywhere. The mere fact that there was a United Nations investigation is a tribute to the relentless pressure on England. Britain would like to see all this pressure stopped and the Exodus outrage forgotten, so that she can put Palestine in a pigeonhole.

The only way to answer the British for the Exodus atrocity is to sail more ships, NOW.

● TWO SHIPS MUST EMBARK FOR PALESTINE FOR EVERY ONE SEIZED BY THE BRITISH.

● TWO HEBREWS MUST BEGIN THEIR HOMEWARD JOURNEY FOR EVERY ONE FORCIBLY REJECTED.

If Americans show their reaction to Britain's barbarism by giving their dollars today, their condemnation will bear fruit. If Americans back the Hebrew underground publicly and proudly, we will be telling Britain what we think of her policy toward the Hebrew people — in the only language she seems to understand.

THE WAY TO WIN

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OPINION

The Santo and Obermeier Cases

Under the law as it stands, an alien may be deported if the Government can prove that he has been a member of, or affiliated with, an organization which advocates the overthrow of the Government by force and violence. The attempt to apply this statute to Harry Bridges proved unsuccessful.

But the Supreme Court decision in the Bridges case left two questions undecided. One is whether the Communist Party does in fact advocate the overthrow of the Government by force and violence; the party is not specifically named in the statute. The other is whether membership in a Communist-controlled union constitutes affiliation with the Party. These questions may be answered in the proceedings brought against John Santo, international organization director of the Transport Workers Union, CIO, and Michael J. Obermeier, president of Local 6, Hotel and Club Employees Union, AFL.

Parallels with

Bridges Case

Santo, like Bridges, is accused of having been a member of the Communist Party. Obermeier is accused not only of having been a member of the Party but of having been associated with the Food Workers Industrial Union, a subsidiary of the Trade Union Unity League. The TUUL was created by the Communists and led by them until its dissolution in 1934, when its members entered the AFL.

This alternative charge against Obermeier also parallels the Bridges case. The deportation of Bridges was asked on two grounds. One was membership in the Communist Party; this, the Court held, had not been proven. The other was his co-operation with the Marine Workers Industrial Union, another TUUL affiliate.

Here the Court ruled that co-operation with the legitimate trade union objectives of a TUUL union did not constitute grounds for deportation. But since Bridges was not accused of having been a member of the Marine Workers Industrial Union but only of co-operating with it, the Court did not decide whether membership in a TUUL union constituted "affiliation" with the Communist Party.

In passing on that question, the Supreme Court will be deciding whether a considerable number of aliens who belonged to TUUL unions can now be deported, irrespective of their present beliefs and affiliations, for membership in labor organizations which passed out of existence 13 years ago. Such a decision would lay the basis for a repetition, on a larger scale, of the "deportations delirium" which marked the Red scare following the first World War.

The Bridges case indicated that de-

portation proceedings of this kind, though accompanied by considerable hysteria, are unlikely to stampede either the labor movement or the Supreme Court.

The proceedings against Bridges succeeded neither in breaking the longshoremen's strike of 1934, nor in stemming the growth of the waterfront union, nor in weakening the hold of that cocky little Australian on the affections and imagination of his men. And though Congress rewrote the deportation law in 1940 to make it fit the Bridges case, 12 years of agitation, hearings and appeals culminated in the inglorious defeat of the Government in the U. S. Supreme Court. What Mr. Justice Murphy indignantly termed "a concentrated and relentless crusade" ended in abject failure.

Santo and Obermeier, like Bridges, are regarded as belonging to that portion of the labor movement which is in the Communist Party's sphere of influence. But the Government, in the light of the Bridges decision, must prove much more than that to achieve deportation.

Santo has been in this country since 1927. Originally, in October, 1941, deportation proceedings were brought against him on the ground that he had remained in this country illegally after the student visa on which he entered had expired. But his return to this country on a troopship after three and a half years of service abroad in the U. S. Army during the war made him a legal entrant, and the Government, in renewing the proceedings, has had to change the charge to memberships in or affiliation with an organization advocating overthrow of the Government by force and violence.

Santo's Army Service Helps His Case

Ordinarily Army service confers citizenship almost automatically, as it should; a man who goes out to fight for this country has a right to citizenship in it. Santo, though a Hungarian, was born in Romania; Romania was on the side of the Axis; he was thus an enemy alien and ineligible for the draft; he waived this to volunteer, became a buck sergeant and made an honorable record in the U. S. Army. This will count in his favor.

In bringing this proceeding, the Government is tackling a man-size job. Santo was a "founding father" of the TWU. He has survived many attacks as a "Red" to organize a section of New York labor which is overwhelmingly Roman Catholic. He has been reelected many times despite his radical record, for the benefits the TWU has brought subway and bus workers are too striking to be overcome by appeals to prejudice or differences of political theory.

New York's subway workers used to



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work 7 days a week, 12 hours a day, and wages were as low as \$18 a week. They now enjoy an 8-hour day and a 6-day week at about \$65 a week, and the Government will have to do more than prove Santo a Red to convince subway workers that he has not been an effective leader. It must also overcome the fact that many of the Irish and Italian immigrant workers on the subways and buses themselves entered the country under conditions of dubious legality, and will be alarmed by this attempt to get rid of a popular labor leader by deportation proceedings. That these proceedings were resumed in the midst of a threatened bus strike will not add to the popularity of this proceeding.

The facts in the Obermeier case are as likely to enlist sympathy and provoke distrust in circles far wider than the orbit of Union Square. Obermeier has been in this country since 1914. He has two American children. He and his associates helped Dewey clean the Dutch Schultz mob out of the hotel and restaurant unions in this city. Obermeier's local, the largest in the country, has not only improved the conditions of once-sweated workers but stabilized employer-employee relations in the industry. A three year contract has but recently been signed, with former Police Commissioner Edward P. Mulrooney as impartial arbiter. That record is likely to outweigh the wild oats Obermeier sowed many years ago in the TUUL.

The facts in both cases make these proceedings seem an attempt at union-busting under discreditable circumstances. The Government might well ask itself what will be the effect on opinion abroad of this attempt to deport two militant labor leaders, one of German, the other

of Hungarian origin. The proceeding has a special piquancy in Obermeier's case, for he broadcast appeals to the German working class during the war at the request of the State Department. It is not hard to imagine what German and Hungarian workers will think if Obermeier and Santo are shipped back from the land of the free and the home of the brave.

—I. M. STONE

Roosevelt Said:

'An Over Large City ...'

Today many people are beginning to realize that there is inherent weakness in cities which become too large and inherent strength in a wider geographical distribution of population.

An over-large city inevitably meets problems caused by over-size. Real estate values and rents become too high; the time consumed in going from one's home to one's work and back again becomes excessive; congestion of streets and other transportation problems arise; truck gardens disappear because the backyard is too small; the cost of living of the average family rises far too high.

There is doubtless a reasonable balance in all of this and it is a balance which ought to be given more and more study.—President Roosevelt at Bonneville Dam, Sept. 28, 1937.



FDR, 1937

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WASHINGTON

Politicos of both parties here are talking more and more about possible Vice Presidential candidates. Actually, they are thinking out loud. It's obviously much too early for anything to jell, especially in

the wide-open Republican camp, but there are certain definite trends and patterns.

Some Democrats like to think in terms of a "political glamor boy" to offset President Truman's lack of color. Others put more emphasis on geography, believing the President's Midwest background should

be balanced by a Vice Presidential nominee from the industrial East. Still others tend to look expectantly toward the Far West for suitable material—say, Gov. Mon C. Wallgren of Washington, an old friend who is viewed with considerable favor by Truman himself.

Political glamour boys are not a dime a dozen. . . . Those currently on the Democratic horizon include ex-Gov. Ellis Arnall of Georgia, Chester Bowles, Wilson Wyatt, Mayor Hubert H. Humphrey of Minneapolis. But the chances of all except Arnall are considered, for one reason or another, about

as good as those of the proverbial snowball in a torrid hereafter.

Truth is, Bowles and Wyatt personally don't clock too well with Truman. That's not an insuperable barrier, but it counts. Their organizational political following is practically nil.

One cause of economic confusion may be that it's so expensive now to find out which side your bread is buttered on.—P.M.

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Office of the British
Political Representative,
BUCHAREST.

17th September, 1947.

NOTE VERBALE.

The Office of the British Political Representative presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and with reference to Notes Verbales Nos. 101, 104 and 108 of 21st and 22nd August and 6th September respectively, has the honour to draw the urgent attention of the Ministry to a report in the newspaper "Timpul" dated 15th September, stating that 6000 "legal" Jewish emigrants, bound for Palestine, are to be embarked at Constantza on two Panamanian ships which are expected at that port.

2. This newspaper report confirms the substance of the Notes Verbales already referred to, and this Office is instructed emphatically to state that the vessels "Paducah" and "Northlands" are known to be engaged in the carriage of illegal immigrants into Palestine and that the Jews waiting to embark on these vessels from the Roumanian Black Sea Coast are illegal immigrants, without the necessary British visas to enter Palestine.

3. Furthermore, the Office of the British Political Representative is authorized to state that any visas held by these Jewish emigrants for entry into countries of Central or South America have been declared by the Governments of those countries to be either forgeries or invalid visas granted ultra vires by unauthorized local representatives.

4. This Office is instructed to leave the Roumanian Government in no doubt whatsoever as to the importance His Majesty's Government attaches to the prevention by the Roumanian authorities of the departure of these illegal Jewish emigrants from Roumania and the grave view His Majesty's Government will be obliged to take should this illegal traffic, contrary to international law and usages, be tacitly aided and abetted by the Roumanian Government.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
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This telegram suggests that "Northlands", whose whereabouts are still unknown to us, has arrived at BOURGAS. Southern Dept. tell me that the members of our Missions in Bulgaria and Romania experience considerable difficulty in moving about the country, though to a less extent than in Russia itself. This probably accounts for the vagueness of these reports.

J. H. [Signature]
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IMMEDIATE.

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My telegram No. 118 to Bucharest.

Jewish illegal immigrants.

Official of Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated this morning that while the Bulgarian authorities still could not give any definite information regarding these train-loads of Jews, it was known that "a party of Jews" was at Bourgas where they were trying to embark on the S.S. "Northland".

2. I had already addressed a note verbale to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on September 13th about the Northland requesting that no facilities be given her and no clandestine embarkation be permitted. In the light of Bucharest telegrams 1,000 and 1,006 I have now addressed further note verbale to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stating that information has reached me that a considerable number of would be illegal Jewish immigrants have left Bucharest for a Bulgarian port and requesting assurances against [grp.undec.] similar to those given in Paducah case (see my telegram 1161).

3. Paducah is now stated to have left Bourgas.

Foreign Office please pass immediate to Jerusalem as my telegram 23.

[Copies sent to Telegraph Section, Colonial Office for repetition to Jerusalem.]

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SECRET

My dear Sir,

I enclose a copy of a report which we have received from His Majesty's Consul at Rouen on the S.S. Pan York. The information given in the report was obtained from confidential sources, and Neill is anxious that it should be treated with due discretion.

As regards Neill's statement that the Pan York was refused oil at Brest by the ordinary suppliers, and again at Rouen, it is perhaps relevant to note that on the 1st September we told the French that we had our suspicions about the ship, so that it is safe to assume that the French themselves are keeping an eye on her.

I am sending a copy of this letter to His Majesty's Consul at Bordeaux in order that he may be on the look out for her if she reaches Bordeaux.

Coulson
J.E. Coulson

J.E. Coulson.

J.G.S. Beith, Esq.,
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Handling of Jews at Hamburg, Danish Press

has examples of newspaper editorials & showing that Danish Press takes a Pro-Tauist view of the event.

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I do not think it is worth making any complaint about the articles of Communist papers. They are merely following the party line. Otherwise we have come off better in Denmark than in Sweden.

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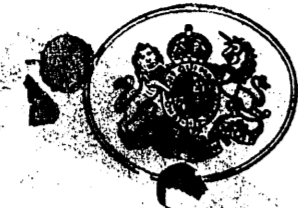
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BRITISH EMBASSY,
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22nd September, 1947.

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28 SEP 1947

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the landing of the Jewish refugee ships in Hamburg was given great prominence in the Danish press. The majority of the Copenhagen papers sent special correspondents to cover the event and the general level of reporting was sensational. Details of incidents were given, which, in view of the ban placed on the presence of journalists on the quayside during the landings, could not possibly have been personally witnessed and conversations with Jews on the quay and in the trains were reported without reservation.

2. The Independent paper, INFORMATION, and the Communist paper, LAND OG FOLK, were the most violent in their comment. The former considered that Britain, the country which produced the concept of a "gentleman" was acting by virtue of a "doubtful right conferred by an old League of Nations mandate", and allowing its officials to commit not only a crime but an act of utter stupidity. LAND OG FOLK was morally shocked and highly indignant at the alleged brutality of British troops and, in a leader of 10th September, referred to the presence of Danish volunteers in Hamburg, suggesting that "such ruffians, presumably enlisted by the British direct from the Todt Organisation and the Free Corps, should be in prison, rather than behaving like "Herrenfolk" with the British army."

3. Editorial comment, otherwise attempted to give a more balanced view of the affair, especially in the Social-Democrat and Conservative press. SOCIAL-DEMOKRATEN doubted the wisdom of sending the Jews to Germany and while expressing sympathy with them, sternly condemned Jewish acts of terrorism, pointed out that Palestine was a world, not a British problem, and suggested that the Jewish Central Committee had apparently forgotten which Powers had, at enormous sacrifice, saved the rest of the Jews from extinction. JYLLANDSPOSTEN, the largest conservative provincial paper, put the initial responsibility upon those who had arranged the illegal transports: it was clear that the whole affair was a demonstration intended to arouse anti-British feeling.

4. The government organ, KØBENHAVN, had no special correspondent, and in marked contrast to all other papers, devoted only a three-inch space to bare statement of fact and had no editorial comment.

5. The Danish Broadcasting Corporation gave an interview on 12th September with Mr. Edward Clausen, the special correspondent of the radical paper POLITIKEN. POLITIKEN is largely Jewish-owned and has a strongly pro-Jewish tradition. Its reports of the landings were on the same low level as the other papers, but Mr. Clausen's interview, which took the form of question and answer, was moderate and fair.

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The Right Honourable Ernest Bevin, M.P.,
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